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Defense Department (1) formally agrees to US military grant aid to

Libya of up to \$560,000 as US share joint US-UK gift of armored-car squadron and (2) is willing consider possibility providing additional assistance if necessary. State-Defense now plan seek Presidential determination authorizing assistance under Section 401 MS Act 1954 as amended. In this way no military assistance agreement with Libya legally necessary. Following Presidential determination, we would consult with UK on best means providing US share under (1). Delivery therefore indefinite but we would act soonest. Magnitude aid under (2) would be determined following US-UK staff talks and subsequent consultations with GOL. In no case should Libyans yet be informed possibility aid under (2).

Pending Presidential determination on it will not be possible for you to elaborate on US association with UK in joint gift armored-car squadron beyond private indication already given Ben Halim (DepTel 168 and EmbTel 210). However, you authorized join UK Ambassador in any

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presentation ceremony at time arrival first British shipment (EmbTel 268). He should take lead but you may make statement along following lines:

(1) Although first shipment British, you happy to be joining symbolically in presentation ceremony and appreciate Libyan and British invitation be identified with significance this occasion;

~~(2) You confident equipment received today will strengthen Libyan Army for assigned role country's defense and internal security.~~

(2) ~~You~~ You confident equipment received today will strengthen Libyan Army for assigned role country's defense and internal security.

(3) ~~US~~ US participation in ceremony today further evidence US interest Libyan welfare.

If Presidential determination obtained prior hand-over ceremony we will of course authorize you make unqualified announcement US participation.

Subsequent messages will give further Defense-State views on how military aid to Libya might best be handled, including arrangements not yet determined providing appropriate safeguards in regard use any equipment furnished.

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